

Minutes of meeting of Medico Legal Society of INDIA : 21 November 2023

Online meeting of MLSI was organized on Tuesday 21 November 2023, it was attended by

Dr. Sanjay Gupte
Dr. Mukesh Yadav
Dr. Devraj Raichur
Dr. Nitin Dhande
Dr. Lalit Kumar
Dr. Rishabh Rana
Dr. Shivkumar Kumbhar
Dr. Rajeev Joshi
Dr. Ashish Khatod
Dr. Cyriac Job
Dr. Mahendra Jain
Dr. Sarvesh Patil

Apologies for missing the names of attendees who joined the meeting late, stayed for a while and left in between. Following points were discussed during the meeting :

1. Dr. Joshi informed about details of the survey conducted on subject : Reasons for not joining government services by doctors. 400 participants have given their inputs.
2. Dr. Joshi informed that PMO has forwarded our letter related to amendments in Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita and BNSS to health ministry and then the health ministry further forwarded it to Maharashtra Government. This may be because we cited examples of Bombay HC suo motu PIL, incidents of Thane and Nanded so we have to wait and watch.
3. Dr. Joshi asked Dr. Yadav whether Dr. Jain shared a draft of a petition regarding advertising by corporate hospitals with him, on which Dr. Yadav replied no. Nothing could be discussed further on this subject due to the absence of Dr. Padmesh Jain.
4. Dr. Raichur apologized for forgetting to draft a letter to be sent to the CJI of Karnataka High Court.

5. Dr. Joshi requested MC members to reply promptly to various resolutions sent on their email through email only and not through WhatsApp, as it is legally important.
6. Dr. Yadav informed that bureaucrats of UP government are insisting to use Hindi language textbook books in government medical colleges. He further narrated the incidents that happened till now in this case. He suggested that we should ask NMC for its stand on this subject? To this Dr. Gupte agreed. Dr. Yadav further suggested conducting a survey among medical fraternity specially students and teachers asking their views about preferred language of textbooks. Whether it should be English or it should be Hindi. To this Dr. Joshi agreed and requested Dr. Yadav to draft a letter to NMC and questionnaire for such a survey and requested other attendees to react proactively on such drafts. Dr. Rana said that adoption of Hindi language for medical education by the state governments is happening on recommendation of NMC and AIIMS. The MP and Chhattisgarh governments have already started this. He further added that we can read the Hindi text books available at GMC of Bhopal so that better opinions can be formed. He also said that after reading from English textbooks a doctor has to communicate with patients in his local language so reading from Hindi textbooks will be beneficial for communicating with patients. On this Dr. Raichur and Dr. Yadav said that Hindi is prevalent in only northern states of India. In other states different languages are spoken like Marathi in Maharashtra Gujarati in Gujarat etc. Also deviating from English will limit global acceptance of Indian doctors. Dr. Gupte said that there are so many medical terminologies like preeclampsia for which there are synonyms in other languages like Marathi or Hindi. He further said that American College of Genetics, of which he is a member , is telling students to prepare a glossary of words related to genetics in their local language and it will publish such glossary on its website. Meeting ended at 10 pm with resolution to meet on Tuesday 5 December 2023

Dr. Ashish Khatod

Dr. Rajeev Joshi